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Filing Date	June 27, 2001
First Named Inventor	Shane M. Kelton
Art Unit	1774
Examiner Name	Tamra Dicus
Attorney Docket Number	117-P-1062USD1

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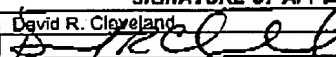
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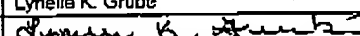
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Lynelle K. Grube**AMENDMENT**Mail Stop RCE
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Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

Applicants are submitting this Amendment together with a Request For Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and a new Power of Attorney. No fee is believed to be due in connection with this Amendment and Request, since the time period for filing a Brief on Appeal has not yet expired. If any fee is deemed to be due, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 50-0549.

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Applicants expressly withdraw the Notice of Appeal submitted September 2, 2003 and the Amendment After Final Rejection submitted August 4, 2003. The Amendment After Final Rejection should not be used to interpret applicants' claims. Please amend the application as follows: